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RE: U.S. DOE Request for  
Extension of OU 5 A9,P1  
Implementation Plan

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has carefully reviewed the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) October 19, 2000, Operable Unit (OU) 5 request for extension under Section XVIII (Extensions) of the 1991 Amended Consent Agreement (ACA).

U.S. DOE requests an extension for submittal of the OU 5 Area 9, Phase 1 (A9,P1) Implementation Plan (IP), due to U.S. EPA on November 1, 2000.

In its request, U.S. DOE states that the Area 9, Phase 1 IP was delayed due to the additional pre-design investigation results and the recent preliminary results of the supplemental background soil study. As discussed in the October 10, 2000 meeting the preliminary results resulted in the need to reconsider the path forward. Further, the supplemental background soil study data will not be completely validated until late October 2000.

In lieu of the required A9,P1 IP November 1, 2000, submittal, U.S. DOE has requested a meeting on November 14, 2000, to discuss the path forward for A9,P1 and establish milestones. U.S. DOE has also committed to submitting a letter documenting the results of the meeting and proposing new milestones for the submittal of key documentation by November 28, 2000.

U.S. EPA understands the need for complete validation of the supplemental background soil data before proposing a path forward, and will review that data at the November 14, 2000 meeting.

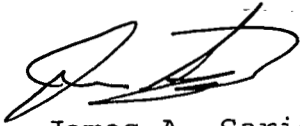
Therefore, U.S. EPA concurs with the extension request and the November 14, 2000 meeting to establish a path forward.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (312) 886-0992.

Sincerely,



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